

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the non-Final Action dated October 19, 2004 and the indication of allowable subject matter. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive to the above Office Action.

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beausoleil (U.S. Patent 6,173,532). This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendment and the following comments.

The field and purpose of the present invention relates to door opening in a vehicle, and it is not related to a garage door opener.

Applicant has amended independent claim 14 to clarify that the “openable panel” (8, 8’) is a panel that selectively opens to gain access to an interior compartment of a land motor vehicle. In addition, independent claim 14 has also been amended to clarify that the signal transmitter/receiver is of a “microwave frequency.”

Beausoleil ‘532 relates to a garage door opener and no mention or suggestion is made to an openable panel disposed on a motor vehicle. Moreover, Beausoleil ‘532 makes no reference or suggestion to the use of a microwave transmitter/receiver.

Based on the foregoing amendments and comments, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendments and comments resolve all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe that additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the present application, please contact the undersigned.

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